

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT July 2015

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# Consumer Access to the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

If you have questions about regulated utility services, you may:

\*CALLthe office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552

\*FAX your questions to 1-800-511-0809

\*E-MAIL the FPSC from our Web site at http://www.floridapsc.com, or direct to the following address: <a href="mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us">contact@psc.state.fl.us</a>

\*Or WRITE to:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

#### **Consumer Activity Overview July 2015**

Complaints Received & Entered into	CATS			887
Electric			68	
Gas			5	
LifeLine			14	
Relay			0	
Pay Telephone			0	
Water & Wastewater			16	
Non-certificated Company Complaints	Logged		0	
Electric		0		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Industry Unknown		0		
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls T	ransferred to Utilities)		666	
Electric		654		
Gas		12		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities fi	com the PSC Web site)		29	
Electric		29		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day	Rule		89	
Electric		86		
Gas		3		
Telecommunications		0		
Water / Wastewater		0		
Information Requests Received & E	ntered into CATS			1,680
Total New Cases Received & Entered	d into CATS			2,567
How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests		<b>Total Cases</b>
Phone	758	1,475		2,233
Mail	5	15		20
Internet	124	182		306
Fax	0	8		8

1,680

2,567

887

**Totals** 

### **Cases by Industry**

#### **July 2015**

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	68	8 %	267	16 %
Natural Gas	5	1 %	20	1 %
Telecommunications	14	1 %	913	54 %
Lifeline	14	2 %		
Relay	0	0 %		
Pay Telephone	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	16	2 %	77	5 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	403	24 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	666	75 %		
E-Transfers	29	3 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	89	10 %		
Total	887	100 %	1,680	100 %

Information provided by Consumer Activity Tracking System(CATS). Includes contacts from phone calls, letters, faxes and the Internet.

<sup>\*</sup>Figures have been rounded.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Non-certificated relates to complaints filed against companies that appear to lack a certificate with the PSC.

# Complaints Received by County July 2015



Note: County name not available for 19 cases e.g., complaints received by e-mail, telephone transfer-connects, non-Florida addresses, etc.

#### **Electric Companies**

		Complaints Logged		
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.	20	26	46	200
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	7	8	15	75
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	3
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	0	0	3
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	6	1	7	50
TOTALS**	33	35	68	331

<sup>\*</sup>Please see Definitions.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Natural Gas Companies**

	Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
FLORIDA CITY GAS	1	1	2	12
FLORIDA DIVISION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	1	1	3
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	10
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	1	1	2	14
ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.	0	0	0	1
TOTALS**	2	3	5	40

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Lifeline Complaints**

	Month	Year-To-Date
AT&T FLORIDA	10	79
CENTURYLINK	3	7
COX FLORIDA TELCOM, L.P.	0	3
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	1	47
WINDSTREAM FLORIDA, INC.	0	2
TOTALS*	14	138

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Relay Service Complaints**

	Month	Year-To-Date
	0	0
TOTALS*	0	0

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Pay Telephone Companies**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS**	0	0	0	0	

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Water & Wastewater Companies**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
ALTURAS UTILITIES, L.L.C.	0	0	0	1	
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITY COMPANY, LLC	0	0	0	1	
COUNTY-WIDE UTILITY CO., INC.	0	2	2	2	
CRESTRIDGE UTILITY CORPORATION	0	0	0	1	
FOUR POINTS UTILITY CORPORATION	1	1	2	5	
GRENELEFE RESORT UTILITY, INC.	0	0	0	1	
HC WATERWORKS, INC.	1	1	2	3	
HEATHER HILLS ESTATES UTILITIES, LLC	0	0	0	2	
HOLIDAY GARDENS UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
INDIANTOWN COMPANY, INC.	0	0	0	1	
K W RESORT UTILITIES CORP.	0	1	1	2	
LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
LITTLE GASPARILLA WATER UTILITY, INC.	0	0	0	1	
LP WATERWORKS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
MFL UTILITY SYSTEMS, L.L.C.	0	0	0	2	
MOBILE MANOR WATER COMPANY, INC.	0	0	0	1	
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	1	1	3	
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	0	0	1	
ORCHID SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	0	0	0	1	
PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	2	
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.	0	2	2	4	
ROYAL UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	2	
S. V. UTILITIES, LTD.	0	0	0	4	
SUNNY HILLS UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	1	
SUNNY SHORES WATER CO., INC.	0	1	1	2	
SUNRISE UTILITIES, LLC	0	1	1	6	
SUNSHINE UTILITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
THE WOODS UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	1	
TYMBER CREEK UTILITIES, INCORPORATED	0	0	0	1	
USEPPA ISLAND UTILITY, INC.	0	0	0	1	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	1	1	1	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	3	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	2	
UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE	0	0	0	1	
WEST LAKELAND WASTEWATER, INC.	2	0	2	3	
TOTALS**	4	12	16	66	

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Billing** - A complaint concerning the amount a customer has been billed or any rule or tariff having to do specifically with the billing of the customer's account.

**Case** - A contact that is logged into the PSC's CATS database. A case may be logged in as a complaint or as an information request.

**Complaint** - A form of case that involves a substantial unresolved objection regarding a regulated utility, as it relates to charges, facility operations, or the quality of the services rendered, the disposal of which requires an investigation and/or analysis by PSC staff.

**Complaint Activity** - The total number of complaints logged with regulated utilities or resolved within a given period of time.

**Complaints Logged** - The number of complaints received from customers filed with the utilities.

**Complaints Resolved** - The number of complaints handled by the PSC staff, which determines whether a utility is in apparent violation or apparent nonviolation of PSC rules, company tariffs, or policies.

**Consumer Activity Tracking System (CATS)** - A database system that tracks complaints and information requests filed with the Florida Public Service Commission.

**Contact** - A communication with the Commission either in writing(letter, fax, or e-mail), in person, or by telephone relating to a complaint or an information request that is handled by consumer complaint staff. A contact may be logged into CATS as a new case or it may not be logged as a new case because it is a follow-up to an existing case, is a misdialed call or the caller hangs up during the call.

**Information Request** - A form of case that involves providing facts, reference material or other data but does not involve a substantial unresolved objection by a consumer regarding a regulated utility.

**Service** - A complaint having to do with the delivery of the service provided by the utility, exclusive of billing concerns.

**Telephone Transfer Connect (Warm Transfer)** - A call to the PSC can be directly transferred to the utility in question, if the consumer has not yet expressed his concerns to that utility.